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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 0959

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GUARDIA CIVIL STRIKE

1. ON FEBRUARY 3, PERUVIAN GUARDIA CIVIL (POLICE) WENT ON GENERAL STRIKE. NOTWITHSTANDING STRIKE, LIMA IS RELATIVELY NORMAL.

2. STRIKE ORIGINATED IN AREQUIPA OVER WAGE DEMANDS. IT SPREAD REPORTEDLY TO TRUJULLO. STRIKE LEADERS FROM BOTH CITIES ARE SAID TO BE UNDER ARREST IN LIMA.

3. POLICE WANT SUBSTANTIAL PAY RAISE. THEY ALSO REPORTEDLY RESENT RECENT MISTREATMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER BY PRESIDENT VELASCO'S SENIOR AIDE, GENERAL IBANEZ BURGA. POLICE REPORTEDLY WANT IBANEZ' DISMISSAL, AS WELL AS RELEASE OF ARRESTED GUARDIA CIVIL LEADERS.

4. GUARDIA CIVIL GUARDS MINISTRIES, BANKS, EMBASSIES, AND VIP'S. PIP (DETECTIVES) HAVE ASSUMED SOME OF THESE DUTIES. HOWEVER, THERE IS FEAR THAT TERRORISTS OR BANK ROBBERS, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LACK OF UNIFORMED
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POLICE PROTECTION. THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS THAT DISSIDENT

NAVY OFFICERS SYMPATHIZE WITH GUARDIA AND THAT JUNIOR OFFICERS
IN THE TWO GROUPS ARE IN TOUCH.

5. A WAGE HIKE FOR GUARDIA WOULD PROBABLY TRIGGER RASH OF
LABOR DEMANDS FOR RAISES AND PUT FURTHER PRESSURE ON GOP
BUDGET DEFICIT.

6. GOP HAS REPORTEDLY IMPOSED NEWS BLACKOUT ON STRIKE NEWS,
ORDERING WIRE SERVICES NOT TO FILE.

7. USDAO SUBMITTING FURTHER REPORT.
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